Air Resources Board



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May 11, 2005

Dear Sir or Madam:

The staff of the Air Resources Board (ARB) will hold the second public meeting of the biodiesel workgroup to discuss biodiesel fuel issues related to air quality.

Discussion topics will include, but are not limited to ARB programs that apply to biodiesel, feedstocks issues, emissions evaluations, and American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) activities. A complete agenda is enclosed. For more information regarding the biodiesel workgroup, you may want to visit the Alternative Diesel Program web page at http://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/diesel/altdiesel/altdiesel.htm.

The time and place of the public workgroup meeting are shown below:

Date:

Wednesday, June 8, 2005

Time:

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.*

Location:

California Environmental Protection Agency

1001 I St., 2nd Floor Byron Sher Auditorium

Sacramento, California 95814

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For your information, this workgroup meeting will be webcast. You may access the webcast at ARB's homepage, http://www.arb.ca.gov. To participate by teleconference, dial (877)-939-8827 and give the participant code: 17341, and leader name: Robert Okamoto. During the webcast we will also except comments and questions sent via email to onair@arb.ca.gov.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: http://www.arb.ca.gov.

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^{*} Depending on discussions the meeting could end before 3 PM

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If you have questions about the meeting, please call Mr. Gary M. Yee, Manager, Industrial Section, at (916) 327-5986.

Sincerely,

Dean C. Simeroth, Chief Criteria Pollutants Branch

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Gary M. Yee, Manager

Industrial Section

Agenda Biodiesel Working Group Meeting Wednesday, June 8, 2005 10 AM PDT – 3:00 PM PDT (Depending on the attendance the meeting could end before 3 PM)

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Conference Call Access: (877)-939-8827 Passcode 17341#

- I. Introductions
- II. Background
 - Current use of biodiesel in California
 - Relationship of ARB diesel regulations to biodiesel
 - Division of Measurement Standards
- III. Feedstocks
 - Estimates on biodiesel production
 - New feedstocks
- IV. Costs
 - Production
 - Tax credit
- V. Emission Evaluations
 - Summary of biodiesel impacts on criteria and toxics emissions
 - US EPA 2002 draft technical report, "A Comprehensive Analysis of Biodiesel Impacts on Exhaust Emissions"
 - Emission results from recent studies (post US EPA report)
 - Comparison of emissions between new and old engines (NREL)
 - Light duty emissions (CERT)
 - Issues raised by recent studies
 - Greenhouse gas emissions

- VI. ASTM Efforts
 - ASTM D6751
 - Stability specification
 - Biodiesel blend specification
- VII. Status of National Biodiesel Board "Interim Verification" of B20
- VIII. Verification under "In-use Strategies" Program
 - Compatibility demonstration of B20
 - Full verification for greater than B20 blends or when used as a verified emission reduction strategy
 - Multimedia assessment
- IX. Presentations by Others
- X. Open Discussion